

## AGED WOMAN FLEECES TRUSTING LANDLADY

Great Years No Handicap in Jumping Board Bill.

### POSES AS TREASURY CLERK

Said President Roosevelt Was Her Friend, But Vanished When Pressed to Pay for Sustenance.

Few fields of masculine endeavor have escaped the new woman, but it has remained for a white-haired matron calling herself "Mrs. Lacey" to essay the role of boarding house beat and confidence operator.

The Lacey woman appeared on November 16 at the house of Mrs. Margaret V. Thorn, 12 Grant Place, and rented a room, with board. She represented that she was employed in the Treasury Department, and explained a shortage of personal effects by saying she had stored her household goods a short time before.

Mild benevolence beamed from the old woman's kindly eyes, and she soon made friends with her fellow-boarders. Every morning she left the house, ostensibly to labor for the Government. At dinner she more than once complained of weariness, and spoke of the heavy ledgers she was compelled to handle. More than once, in her absence, did Mrs. Lacey become a subject of sympathetic conversation at the Grant Place house. All who had met her felt that it was too bad that she should be compelled, at her time of life, to toil for Uncle Sam.

There were compensations, however, in the life of the Treasury drudge. She was an old friend of President Roosevelt, she said. She had known the Executive's father in New York. On one occasion she launched into spirited reminiscence over the changes which had taken place in New York, and exchanged views on the subject with a middle-aged New York boarder.

Wrapped up in her clerical work, Mrs. Lacey overlooked, from time to time, the little detail of paying her board bill. Mrs. Thorn looked upon this as a mere oversight for a time. This eccentricity continued until insistent demand was made for at least partial payment, "not necessarily for publication, but as an evidence of good faith." Remittances home and the drain of holiday shopping were offered as excuses, and no money was produced.

Demand was made for Mrs. Lacey's room the first of the week, and yesterday morning, silently she vanished, taking with her such baggage as she had brought. So informal was the departure that farewells were overlooked, nor was a new address left behind.

Investigation followed, and it was discovered that Mrs. Lacey had never worked at the Treasury Building and that her daily absences from 9 o'clock in the morning to 4 o'clock in the afternoon were merely a bit of artistic verisimilitude designed to garnish a bald and uninviting narrative.

Mrs. Thorn is hunting eagerly for her quondam guest. Her faith in the trustworthiness of a venerable aspect is shattered beyond repair.

## MASONIC VETERANS ELECT THEIR OFFICERS

Simon Wolf Chosen President to Succeed the Late William Gibson.

The Masonic Veterans' Association elected its officers at the meeting held last night at Scottish Rite Cathedral. Simon Wolf was elected president. He succeeds William Gibson, whose death occurred about ten days ago. The other officers chosen are: Adam Gaddis, first vice president; George Gibson, second vice president; Albert H. Van Deusen, secretary; James B. Lambie, treasurer; George E. Corson, adjutant; John P. Naylor, Jr., and A. J. Morris, chaplains.

John P. Naylor, Jr., died at an early hour this morning at the home of his wife, Mrs. Naylor, 1344 Fourth Street northwest. He was about 60 years of age and had been ill but a few days. The cause of death was the result of typhoid fever. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Naylor.

The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow at the home of Mrs. Naylor. The interment will be in the family plot at Rock Creek Cemetery.

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## CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION DISCUSSES SUFFRAGE

President Hart Favors Representative in Congress.

Suffrage in the District of Columbia was the chief subject discussed at the January meeting of the Columbia Heights Citizens' Association last night. The meeting was held in the parlors of the Savoy, Alphonso Hart presiding.

The question of suffrage was brought before the association by President Hart, who made a long address on the subject, using as a basis of his remarks the resolution introduced in the Senate by Senator Gallinger. Mr. Hart took the ground that the men of the District should be permitted to exercise the right of suffrage, and have representation in Congress.

C. C. Lancaster, president of the Northwest Suburban Citizens' Association, was present, and spoke at length in opposition to the views of President Hart. Mr. Lancaster expressed the belief that the present form of government is the best that could be devised under the circumstances. He designated suffrage in the District as an "iridescent dream."

Louis P. Shoemaker read a paper on representation in Congress. Mr. Shoemaker advocated either the appointment of this Representative by the President, or legislation that would admit one of the Commissioners to membership in the House of Representatives. Mr. Shoemaker said that he was opposed to suffrage in any form. But to insure the keeping of the compact of 1873, Mr. Shoemaker is of the opinion that the District should have one Representative on the floor of the House.

Judge Bundy offered a motion urging the municipal authorities to open School Street in Mount Pleasant. The matter of retaining a portion of the space at Fourteenth Street and Columbia Road for a park was also discussed.

### "THE RIVALS" BY AMATEURS.

The dramatic association of Georgetown University will give a production of "The Rivals," Richard Brinsley Sheridan's famous comedy, Friday afternoon at the Columbia Theater. Rehearsals have been held for several weeks, and it is said a smooth and entertaining presentation of the play will be given. In order to make the performance worthy of attention from the friends of the university and of the dramatic club, especially, the play has been cast with care and the players selected with regard to their particular adaptability for the separate parts. Among those who will participate are Moran Barry, James A. Gannon, James C. Spotswood, Alexander, Mr. Van Beary, Edward Draper, R. P. Sullivan, and Mr. Laughlin.

The semi-monthly lecture and entertainment of the Unity Club (1874) in the parlors of the Riggs House, Monday night, was largely attended. L. N. Patterson, president. The lecturer was the Hon. John V. Wright, of Tennessee, his subject being, "The South Prior to, During, and Subsequent to the Civil War."

## THE NEWS OF GEORGETOWN.

The Masonic Hall Association of Georgetown held its annual meeting last night at Masonic Hall on Thirty-second Street northwest. After examining the annual reports the election of new officers took place and resulted as follows: President, Samuel C. Palmer; secretary, James S. Raeburn; treasurer, Joseph G. Waters; directors, George W. King, Albert B. Jackson, Isaac Birch, Henry G. Wagner, John E. Wagner and Maurice J. Adler. A dividend of 2½ per cent was declared.

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## COAL DEALER ASTOUNDS BELLIGERENT CUSTOMERS

Offers to Buy Anthracite Back at a Premium.

That the most serious situation may have its comical side is shown by some of the stories going the rounds among coal dealers in regard to the different manners assumed by customers negotiating for fuel.

A newspaper man called on one of the smaller dealers yesterday and found him leaning on his desk with his chin resting in his hand, a picture of suffering patience, listening to the harangue of a customer who held a coal bill in his hand.

"You have charged me \$8 a ton for this coal, and the neighbors are getting theirs for \$7.50," he shouted. "I'll never pay it. When I submit to being robbed in this manner it will be because I'm where I won't need coal."

His argument was a long one, and the abuse heaped upon the dealer was stinging. In the meanwhile a clerk was busy answering telephone calls.

"No; not a car today. We were promised several, but they didn't come," was what the clerk was heard to say several times. When the customer paused for lack of breath the merchant said:

"You were charged \$8, were you? Well, I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll send a wagon around to your house today and take the coal out of the cellar and give you \$5.00 for it."

The customer's expression changed. "Is it really as bad as that?" he asked, as he sidled toward the door.

## BEACON LODGE, I. O. O. F., ELECTS ITS OFFICERS

Installation Conducted by Past Grand Representative Joseph Burroughs. Presentations Made.

Beacon Lodge, No. 15, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, has elected and installed the following officers for the current year:

Charles J. Zeigler, noble grand; Samuel A. Poole, vice grand; Joseph R. Fague, recording secretary; Ernest W. Bradford, treasurer; James W. Colley, secretary; Lewis W. Bennett, warden; Clarence W. Mothershead, conductor; Thomas R. Hellmuth, I. G.; Richard H. Hall, O. G.; J. J. Shane, R. S. N. G.; Joseph M. Springman, L. S. N. G.; Fred. Breslau, R. S. V. G.; J. N. Cunningham, L. S. V. G.; E. D. Duvall, R. S. S.; William Belfield, L. S. S.; F. A. Stier, chaplain.

The installation was conducted by Past Grand Representative Joseph Burroughs, as grand master, assisted by Deputy Grand Master J. H. Crow, as grand warden; Past Grand Roderick, as grand secretary; Past Grand Porter, as grand marshal; Past Grand Bourne, as grand treasurer; Past Grand Clappitt, as grand guardian.

At the close of the exercises Past Grand Edwin B. Hay presented a bouquet to Mr. Burroughs. Grand Representative Stier presented to James Colley a gold headed cane, the gift of the lodge. Mr. Colley has been a member of Beacon Lodge since it was instituted in 1844.

The local police were informed. The Masonic Temple Association of Tenleytown met last night at Masonic Hall, on Wisconsin Avenue, in order to select from the several sites, chosen by the committee appointed for that purpose, one upon which to construct the new Masonic Temple. Action was deferred.

A deed was placed on record yesterday whereby the property at the southwest corner of Twenty-seventh and P Streets northwest, formerly belonging to Leonard Bailey, was transferred to Leonard Bailey and John A. Pierre, receivers. The property is described as 2709 and 2702 P Street northwest.

At Linthicum Hall last night, the annual ball of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Georgetown Division of Hibernians, was held.

Blanche Condon, who has been at Mount Hood, Oregon, for several months, is expected shortly to return to her home on Wisconsin Avenue.

James Horgan, of Thirty-sixth and O Streets, who has been confined to the Georgetown University Hospital for several weeks with typhoid fever, is rapidly recovering. It is thought that he will be able to be out in a few days.

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## LITERARY SOCIETIES MEET ON THE FORUM

Interesting Debate at Y. M. C. A. Last Night.

The District of Columbia League of Debating Societies held its first debate last evening in the parlors of the Y. M. C. A., when the Junior Equal Suffrage Association and the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Political Study Club met on the forum. The question of debate was:

"Resolved, That injustice has been done to the Southern States by recent constitutional provisions in regard to voting."

The Suffrage Association had the negative side, with the following debaters: Miss Bessie Dyer of Texas and Mrs. Jennie L. Munroe of Virginia, and the affirmative side was represented by A. R. Magie of Illinois and W. G. Steward of Louisiana.

After a very spirited debate the Judges, Senator Deboe of Kentucky, Judge Bell of Texas, and Mr. Huntoon of the Civil Service Commission gave their verdict in favor of the negative.

Many strong points were made in favor of and against the subject in question, and it was not until the verdict of the Judges was given that the large audience realized the winners.

The officers of the league are George C. Ross, president; Charles F. Nesbit, chaplain; William C. Lee, corresponding secretary; S. Kronkheim, treasurer; H. C. Hamill, marshal, and Miss Mary Wood, recording secretary. The chairman of the different committees are S. Kronkheim, F. F. Hartwell and S. C. Ross.

The following dates have been chosen for future debates: January 20, Bellamy Society vs. Y. M. C. A. Lyceum; February 3, the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Political Study Club vs. Capitol Hill Literary Society; February 17, Y. M. C. A. Lyceum vs. Junior Equal Suffrage Association; March 3, Elizabeth Cady Stanton Political Study Club vs. Bellamy Society; March 17, Capitol Hill Literary Society vs. Junior Equal Suffrage Association; April 7, Y. M. C. A. Lyceum vs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton Political Study Club; April 21, Bellamy Society vs. Junior Equal Suffrage Association, and May 5, Capitol Hill Literary Society vs. Y. M. C. A. Lyceum. All the debates will be held in the Y. M. C. A. Building.

## NEW OFFICERS OF THE UNION VETERAN LEGION

A large number of guests last night attended the joint installation ceremonies of Encampment, No. 11, Union Veteran Legion, and the Ladies' Auxiliary. Col. Philip Metzger installed the officers of the legion, who comprise: Colonel, F. R. Sparks; lieutenant colonel, Edward Quigley; major, C. S. Wilder; chaplain, H. N. Couden; adjutant, P. J. Hoffinger; quartermaster, W. L. Foulke; officer of the day, J. A. Allen; officer of the guard, C. F. Little; quartermaster sergeant, J. L. Griffin; sergeant major, D. M. De Silver; color sergeant, O. A. Carpenter; sentinel, Nathan Allen.

Mrs. James Tanner then installed the following officers of the ladies' auxiliary: President, Mrs. M. E. S. Davis; senior vice president, Mrs. A. M. Weiss; junior vice president, Mrs. E. S. Knight; chaplain, Mrs. Sarah Berry; treasurer, Mrs. Lizzie Allen; conductress, Mrs. M. V. Noer; corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. J. Hoffinger; color bearer, Mrs. S. E. Pittman; guard, Mrs. M. S. Tryon.

The solemn service of Perpetual Adoration will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at St. Patrick's Church. A special program of music has been prepared under the direction of Armand Gumprecht, the organist, and a sermon will be preached by the Rev. Dr. Stafford. The service will conclude with benediction of the blessed sacrament.

Flowers for Receptions. The best results are effected when Gude does the floral work. 1224 F—Adv.

The funeral of the late Herman Barghausen, who died at his home, 476 O Street northwest yesterday morning, will be held at his late residence tomorrow afternoon, at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Joseph Edmund Smith, pastor of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, will officiate. Interment will be made in Prospect Hill Cemetery.

Funeral services over the remains of the late Major George Mitchell, U. S. A., retired, were held in St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church yesterday. Interment was in the family plot in Rock Creek Cemetery. The Rev. Dr. Buck officiated.

The dissolution sale! Every value in the house must go regardless of sacrifice, to effect immediate settlement.

Suits and Overcoats to Order

At about half the prices asked elsewhere for the same high-class imported fabrics. Sale is peremptory—nothing reserved. Perfect fit and facilities style guaranteed or money refunded. Come in tomorrow and make your selections before all the swell imported weaves are gone.

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## MORTGAGE GIVEN TO SECURE BOND ISSUE

Potomac Electric Power Company Pledges Property Rights.

A mortgage has been placed on file by the Potomac Electric Power Company, pledging all its property rights and franchises to secure the payment of \$2,500,000 in bonds, in twenty-five years.

The bonds will bear interest at the rate of 4½ per cent per annum. The Commercial Trust Company, of New Jersey, is named as trustee. Among the pieces of property pledged are lots A, B, C, D and E in Leonidas Coyle's subdivision of square 259; lots 1, 3, 4, 8 and part of 7, and part of lot 2 in the same square, which includes the plant of the Power Company at Fourteenth and B Streets northwest; lots 35, 38 and 39 in "Old Georgetown," in square